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TION SEASON

1. SUMMARY: THE GGLF CONVENTION WAS OVERSHADOWED
BY THE SCHLEYER KIDNAPPING, AND CONTAINED FEW SURPRI-
SES. THE INCUMBENT PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT WERE
REELECTED AND A NEWCOMER FROM THE SAARLAND WAS ELECTED
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AS THE OTHER VICE PRESIDENT. END SUMMARY.

2. THE GEWERKSCHAFT GARTENBAU, LAND- UND FORSTWIRT-
SCHAFT, A GERMAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION (DGB) AFFILIATE,
HAD THEIR ELEVENTH CONVENTION IN MALENTE FROM 11-14
SEPTEMBER. WILLI LOJEWSKI, THE UNION PRESIDENT SINCE
1975, WAS OVERWHELMINGLY REELECTED. JOSEF ROTHKOPF

WAS ALSO REELECTED TO HIS POSITION AS VICE PRESIDENT. GGLF AREA MANAGER FOR THE SAARLAND, WERNER WANDERNOTH, WAS ELECTED AS THE OTHER VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE FIRST TIME. THE 47 YEAR OLD WANDERNOTH WAS OPPOSED BY TWO OTHER CANDIDATES BUT HE WON WITH TWO THIRDS OF THE DELEGATE VOTES CAST.

3. THE CONVENTION WAS OVERSHADOWED BY THE SCHLEYER KIDNAPPING AND MOST OF THE SPEECHES TOUCHED UPON THIS. THE NOTABLE FIRSTS, HOWEVER, WERE THE ATTENDANCE BY FARMERS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT VON HEEREMAN AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SPANISH LABOR MOVEMENT.

4. THE CONVENTION WAS WELL MANAGED AND CONTAINED FEW SURPRISES. THE RISE IN UNION MEMBERSHIP AFTER MANY YEARS OF DECLINE WAS WELCOMED. DEMANDS FOR PAY COMPARABILITY WITH INDUSTRIAL WORKERS WERE MADE. THE PROBLEM OF YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT OVERALL, BUT PARTICULARLY IN AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, WAS EXAMINED, BUT NO UNIQUELY GGLF POSITION EMERGED - I.E., THE GGLF WILL SUPPORT THE DGB LINE.

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